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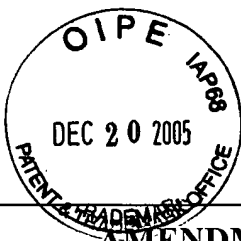
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MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 20, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.